

REMARKS

The present application is a continuation of pending U.S. Serial No. 09/385,802, filed August 30, 1999, entitled "Universal Instant Messaging System for the Internet," which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

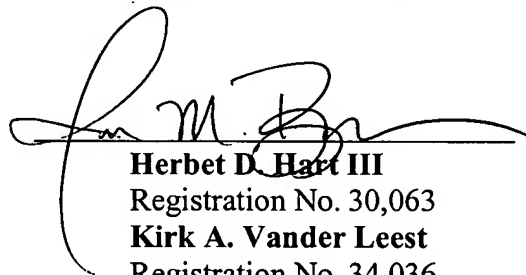
The Applicant identifies United States Patent No. 6,549,937 to Auerbach et al., filed July 21, 1999, and issued April 15, 2003 (the "Auerbach '937 patent"), in order to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.607(c). In particular, the Applicant identifies claims 1-43 of the Auerbach '937 patent under 37 C.F.R. §1.607(c).

If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicant can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional necessary fees not covered by the enclosed check or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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